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SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 25th March, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. TANJORE, (1,971 tons, and 400 H. P.), Captain A. H. Johnson, WILL LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples, and Havre, Liverpool or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

REDUCTION OF FARES.

The Rates of Passage Money have been reduced as follows:—

To Brindisi ..... First Class Rs. 600 Second Class Rs. 300
To Southampton. ,, ,, 690 ,, ,, 350

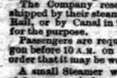
Exclusive of Wines and Liquors, and the transit through Egypt.

All Children under 3 years of age, free; above 3 and under 10, half fare.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 18th March 1871.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.



THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. ELLORA, (1,727 tons, and 400 H.P., Captain G. N. Hutton, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th May, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

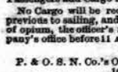
No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 16th March 1871.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH RUSSIA.

(Via SUEZ CANAL.)



THE Russian Steam Navigation, Trading, and Odessa Railway Company have established a REGULAR SERVICE between ODESSA and BOMBAY, and take Cargo to Odessa, the interior of Russia, Constantinople, Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Marseilles, and all other Continental Ports, as well as to London and Liverpool.

In accordance with the above, the Steam Ship NACHIMOFF, 400 Horse Power, 2,210 tons, Captain Greek, will be despatched from here on or about the 1st of April.

Particulars regarding the Passenger Service will be published hereafter.

Shippers to Russia are informed that, from the 27th February, a direct goods service by rail has been established between Odessa, Moscow, and the interior of Russia.

For Freight or Passage apply to

H. BOMANJEE, TOUCHE, & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY,

(VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co. have established a regular service between GENOA and BOMBAY, by a monthly line of steamers (via the Suez Canal), leaving

GENOA on the 24th, and of each month, BOMBAY on the 1st

And calling at the following intermediate stations, viz:—

On the Outward voyage at Leghorn, Naples, Messina, Port Said, Suez, and Aden; on the Homeward voyage at the undermentioned ports.

PASSENGER RATES,

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

To	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Aden	£22	12	£17
Suez	36	22	8
Port Said	38	24	9
Alexandria	39	25	9-10
Messina	45	32	12
Naples	47	33	13
Leghorn	50	34	14
Genoa	50	34	14
Marseilles with transhipment at Genoa	52	35	14-10

Including Wines at Table. Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Independent of this (Indian) line, the Company run Mail Steamers, under contract with the Italian Government, on the 7th, 17th, and 27th of each month, from ALEXANDRIA to GENOA, touching likewise at Messina, Naples, and Leghorn.

Passengers by this Company's Steamers are allowed to break their voyage at any of the above named ports, and may resume it at pleasure by any of the Company's vessels.

Passengers returning within 6 months after their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the amount of Passage Money.

In accordance with the above, the undermentioned Steamers are fixed to leave Bombay as follows:—

PERSIA, on SATURDAY, 1st of April.
INDIA, on MONDAY, 1st of May.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

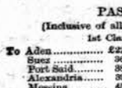
For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,

Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 10th February 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE Company intends to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and vice versa.

The SPHINX, 1,600 Tons, will be despatched from Bombay about the 28th March, and the AFIS, 1,400 Tons, about the 1st May. These Steamers have limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers. The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine through Egypt, and free conveyance of the foot passenger's baggage.

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England and the Continent generally.

TRIEST is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and vice versa, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special regard to the accommodation and comfort of passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. As Trieste is the travellers' route to England has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes, occupying from three days six hours to five days to London, at an expense varying from £7 to £15.

Passengers by the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded by that Company's steamers from Alexandria to Southampton, at a charge of 10s. per cwt., for the regulated allowance of 3 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess weight, (both exclusive of transit through Egypt), to which the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Suez will attend.

The undersigned grants also passage tickets for the steamers plying between Alexandria and Trieste, and for the railway between Suez and Alexandria.

PASSENGER RATES from ALEXANDRIA to TRIESTE.

First Class.....£13 | Second Class £9

Children under 10 years at Half Fare; under 2 years, Free.

REDUCED FARES for FAMILIES, consisting of not less than 3 adult members travelling together:—First Class, £10-14 per head; Second Class, £7-10 per head.

Personal Baggage allowed Free: 1st Class 200 lbs., 2nd Class 150 lbs., overweight 10s. per 100 lbs.

Railway tickets, from SUEZ, to ALEXANDRIA, with all the privileges of passengers by the P. & O. Co:—First Class, £3; Second Class, £2. Children over 3 and under 10 years at Half Fare. Free Baggage 1st Class 3 cwt., 2nd Class 200 lbs., overweight 7s. per cwt.

In conjunction with the Austrian Lloyd, Cargo for Trieste and Venice can be booked through from Bombay by the P. & O. Co., and the Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Co., and via Bombay from the various ports touched at by the steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

TRANSHIPMENT SERVICE AT PORT SAID.

GOODS for Trieste, Venice, Odessa, and Ports on the Syrian Turkish and Greek Coasts, shipped by Steamers under any Flag whatever from Japanese, Chinese and Indian Ports bound to Mediterranean or British Ports, via Suez Canal, are received and transhipped by the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Port Said, and forwarded to their destination by the Company's regular lines of Steamers.

For further particulars, and for freight and passage apply to the Agency of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 2, Ash Lane, 20th February 1871.

SHIPPING.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

ADRIATICO ORIENTALE COMPANY.

THE undersigned are prepared to issue THROUGH TICKETS from SUEZ to BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, NAPLES, ROME, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, TURIN, SUSA, VERONA, CAMERLATA, MILAN.

Steamers leave Alexandria on the arrival of the Mail from Bombay.

The passage from Alexandria to Brindisi occupies only three days, and the through journey to London about 140 hours, making a saving over other routes of about 48 hours.

On arrival of the weekly fast Steamer from Alexandria, carrying the Supplementary Indian Mail, an Express Train is run from Brindisi by the South Italian Railway en route for London, via Ancona, Bologna, Munich, Cologne, Ostend and Dover.

RATES OF FARE FROM SUEZ, INCLUDING TRANSIT THROUGH EGYPT.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.		1st Class.	2nd Class.
To BRINDISI ...	Rs. 140	Rs. 100	To ROME ...	Rs. 153	Rs. 103-8
,, VENICE ...	Rs. 158	Rs. 106	,, MUNICH ...	Rs. 208	Rs. 153-0

For rates to other towns apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 11th January 1871.

MESSRS. THOMAS AND JAMES HARRISON'S LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE s.s. ATALANTA will sail for LIVERPOOL via the SUEZ CANAL on or about the 7th April. This a fine Clyde-built Steamer, 2,200 Tons gross Register, with Engines 400 H.P. nominal. She has excellent accommodation for first-class Passengers. Her Cabins are placed amidship and are well fitted and ventilated.

The charge for a passage to Liverpool is £50 for an adult, and half fare for Children under 10 and above 4 years of age, exclusive of Wines.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Bombay, 20th March 1871. Agents s. s. Atalanta.

FOR LONDON via HAVRE, WITH DESPATCH.

MESSRS. JOHN WILLIS and SON'S Magnificent Teak-built Ship THE TWEED, A 1 15 years, 1,745 tons, WILLIAM STILART, Commander.—For particulars regarding Freight or Passage apply to SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 8th March 1871.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES per Ship ROBINSON CRUSOE, arrived from London, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective CARGOES, otherwise they will be landed by the Captain at the expense and risk of the Consignees.

Bombay, 21st March 1871. FINLAY, SCOTT, & Co.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES per Ship CITY of NANKIN, arrived from Glasgow, are requested to DESPATCH BOATS to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS; otherwise they will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Bombay, 20th March 1871. W. NICOL & Co.

NOTICE to OVERLAND PASSENGERS.—Half Pints of CHAMPAGNE at Rs. 10, 13, and 16 per dozen. All Dry.

PAYNE & Co.,
ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, BOMBAY,
Immediately Opposite the Custom House.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY.
No. 5, Forbes Street.

WEEKLY SALE.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 25th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a large quantity of Piece Goods—

Few articles of richly Carved Blackwood Furniture, such as Conversation Full-backed Sofas, Circular and Pier Tables, Whatnots, Screens, Chiffoniers, Dressing and Washing Tables, &c.

100 Railway Rugs
3 Pieces Cashmere Cloth
1 Case Dress Stuff
6 Bales Cloth
4 Cases White Stripes soft finish 998 Pieces 39 inches 10 yards
1 ditto ditto Zacharylla Books 100 pieces 42 inches 12 yards
4 ditto Grey Coloured Border Dhoteas 300 pieces each 30 inch 8 yards

AT 1 P.M.

1 Grey Arab Horse
1 Buggy

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome and nicely-made Bohemian Glass rich Cut Fancy Gilted Ornamented and Decorated Kerosine Oil Lamps of new description and latest designs

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 25th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, at 1 P.M. precisely, the following valuable property:—

Kerosine Oil Lamps with Globes and Chimneys, Brass Harps with belts, Globes and with Bohemian Glass founts richly gilted and decorated, Passage Lamps of various designs and pattern, Iron and Brass Chain Hangers Parlour Lamps, Reading Side and Wall Lamps, Stable and Cook-room Lamps, Microscope Lamps, Harps gold and bronze, Bracket Lamps, brass and bronze Chamber Lamps and Hand Lamps of various pattern and designs, such as Crystoes, Gold, Line, Ruby Gilt Decorated Crystal Ice Cream, Tourquish Alabaster and Gilt Ruby Cut and Gilt, and various other pattern, spare requisites for Lamps, such as Rings, Globes, Chimneys, plain and rough Cotton Wicks, &c.

Few Plated Ice Pitchers, handsome Flower Vases, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE OF OOMRAWUTTEE AKOTE COTTON.

On MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, in the juthas of Messrs. Poorunmull Chimneeram, at Co'aba, by order of Goolabraye Coomzail, and on account and risk of Sectaram Joogulkasorye—

25 Candies Oomrawuttee Akote Cotton.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

A first-rate full-sized Slate Billiard Table, with everything complete, by Thurston.

A self-driving Park Phaeton on C Springs, by Ness of Longacre, in capital order. Price Rs. 700.

Bombay, 24th March 1871. BENNETT & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, in H. M.'s Dockyard, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th April 1870, the following VESSELS, as they stand on the day of SALE:—

H. M.'s Steam Tug JORAWAR, of 161 46/100 Register Tonnage, 100 Horse-power, 128 feet long, 19 feet beam, and 10 feet deep, built in England in 1861.

H. M.'s Schooner FANNY, of 103 80/94 burthen in Tons, 76 feet long, 17 feet beam, and 8 feet deep, built in Surat in 1856.

Terms of Sale.—The sale of these Vessels will not be considered final until the acceptance of the offers are sanctioned by Government, a deposit of 10 per cent. to be paid at the time of sale, and the remainder to be paid within eight days after the acceptance of the offers by Government, otherwise the deposits will be forfeited and the vessels resold for the benefit of the State.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. SEARLE, Lieut., late R.N.,
Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 22nd March 1871.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by the direction of the Mortgagee, MANOCKJEE PALLONJEE SETNA, the property next hereafter described will be put up by Messrs. CRAWFORD and COMPANY for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY the 5th day of APRIL NEXT, under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in an Indenture dated the 25th August 1868, and made between Mr. GABRIEL DUARTE of the one part, and the said MANOCKJEE PALLONJEE SETNA of the other part.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax Ground, with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, on the north side of the Girgaum Back Road, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 120, and assessed by the Collector of Pension and Tax under No. 334, containing by admeasurement forty-five feet in breadth and eighty feet in length or thereabouts, and bounded as follows, that is to say:—On or towards the east by the foot passage of the Oart, on or towards the west by a narrow passage and the property of J. M. Duarte, on or towards the south by the vacant ground and well of the said premises, and on or towards the north by the passage of the Oart and Girgaum Back Road, which said premises were formerly and now are in the occupation of the said Mr. Gabriel Duarte only.

All persons having any claim against the abovementioned premises, either by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, to the undersigned, at their Office, No. 20, Marine Street, Fort, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim.—Bombay, dated this 23rd day of March 1871.

THACKER & CHALK,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

HOPE HALL HOTEL, MATHERAN.—Mr. P. MENDOSA, the Proprietor of the Hope Hall Hotel, begs to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen, that he has RE-OPENED the HOTEL, which is so well known for its excellent accommodation.

Superior articles are always supplied at moderate rates, and great care is taken for the comfort of the Visitors.

The terms of the charges are reduced.

Middle Cross Road, Louisa and Alexandra Points.

BULL AND COMPANY,
GENERAL MERCHANTS,

HAVE just received an assortment of STATIONERY from Dr. La Rue & Co.

[NOTE AND LETTER PAPER OF SIZES. ENVELOPES OF SIZES TO MATCH.

	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
Visiting Cards (Ladies'), per packet	0 10	to 0 12
Ditto Gentlemen's do.	0 8	0 10
Drawing Pencils, per dozen	1 4	1 8
Playing Cards (Mogul's)	0 14	1 0
Black Inks (by different Makers)		
Copying Ink	8 0	upwards.
Photographic Albums, from	4 0	8 0
Artists' Water Colours, in boxes, from	2 0	2 4
Elastic Bands, in boxes, ...	0 10	1 4
Memorandum Slates, from	0 12	3 0
Black and Red Sealing Wax	2 0	4 0
Bill Files and Blotting Pads, from	1 10	2 4
Portfolios, from	3 12	upwards.
Pocket Books and Memo. ditto	1 12	,,
Card Cases (Ladies' and Gentlemen's), from.....	1 4	2 4

SPORTING AMMUNITION—

Shot Pouches	6 12	7 4
Do. Belts	8 0	9 5
Powder Flasks	6 12	7 4
Pistol Caps, in boxes of 250	0 12	0 14
Gun ditto 250	0 14	1 0
Westley Richard's, in bags of 500	1 12	2 0
Green Wire Cartridges, in packets	0 12	0 14

CARTRIDGE CASES—

Pin and Central Fire.				
Ditto ditto	No. 10, per 1,000	26 0	40	0
Ditto ditto	No. 12 ditto	20 0	34	0
Ditto ditto	No. 14 } ditto	26 0	30	0
Ditto ditto	No. 16 }			
Bullcted Caps,	No. 1, per box	0 10	0	12
Ditto	No. 2 ditto	0 12	0	14
Ditto	No. 3 ditto	1 8	1	12
Shot in 14 lb. bags, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	ditto	2 10	3	0
Hall's Gun Power, 1 lb. Canisters		1 14	2	2

BULL AND COMPANY,
GENERAL MERCHANTS, BOMBAY.

NOTICES.

THEATRE ROYAL,
GRANT ROAD.

ONE NIGHT ONLY!!

MONDAY, 27TH MARCH.

Miss ANNIE HILL
AND
Mr. HARRY GOULSTONE,
IN THEIR
NEW AND FASHIONABLE ENTERTAINMENT,
ENTITLED
ROUND THE WORLD.—LIFE IN LONDON,
OR
ALL NATIONS AT HOME.

☞ SEE HAND BILLS.

NOTICE.—We beg to notify that we have admitted Mr. FRANK GEORGE JEFFERSON a PARTNER in our FIRM as from the 18th ultimo.

Bombay, 6th March 1871. GEO. S. KING & Co.

MR. BENJAMIN ROBB having secured an interest in the invention of the EUREKA COTTON GIN, is hereby INVESTED with a POWER OF ATTORNEY to act for me during my absence from India.

EDWARD JONES,
Patentee Eureka Cotton Gin.

Bombay, 17th March 1871.

NOTICE.—Mr. T. GINGER and C. STEPHENS and SONS beg to inform their Constituents and the Public that their FIRMS will be AMALGAMATED from the 1st of April 1871, and that the business will be conducted at the present premises occupied by Mr T. Ginger, Girgaum Road (late Remount Lines), under the designation of GINGER, STEPHENS and SONS.

T. GINGER.
C. STEPHENS & SONS.

15th March 1871.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB will take place on TUESDAY, the 28th March, at the Stewards' Stand, Byculla, at 7 P.M., in accordance with Rules 11 to 18.

F. F. ARBUTHNOT,
Honorary Secretary.

22nd March 1871.

NOTICE.—ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (in Liquidation).—The TIME for RECLAIMING PREMIA PAID since the suspension has been EXTENDED by the Court of Chancery to the 31st of July next.

C. H. OGBOURNE,
Attorney for the Official Liquidators.

Calcutta, 28th February 1871.

THE ELPHINSTONE LANDING AND GLOBE EXPRESS COMPANY (Forwarding Agents to the P. & O. Co.) LAND CARGOES with despatch at MODERATE RATES.

Bond or deliver Goods as required.

Despatch Packages to any part of the world. For particulars apply to F. MOOLJEE & Co.,
Care of Messrs. Mooljee Thackersey & Co.,
Opposite the New Bank of Bombay.

THE ELPHINSTONE LAND and PRESS Co., Limited, (in Liquidation).—No Shareholder of the Company is required having this day attended at the MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company, advertised to be held this day at 3 P.M., and I having attended at the time and place named for the holding of such Meeting, do hereby, as Liquidator of the Company, ADJOURN such MEETING until the 2ND day of MAY next at 3 P.M., at the Office of Messrs. W. NICOL & Co., when the Resolutions already advertised for proposition this day will be proposed.

H. MAXWELL, Liquidator.

Bombay, 2nd March 1871.

TO CAPITALISTS.—The LAND MORTGAGE BANK of INDIA, (CREDIT FONCIER INDIEN) Limited are prepared to treat for the sale by PRIVATE CONTRACT of SUNDRY PROPERTIES in

BOMBAY,
POONA,
SHOLAPOORE,
PANCHGUNNY,
KURRACHEE,

particulars of which may be had by applying to the Manager at the Bank's Office in Bombay. If desired part of the Purchase Money may remain on mortgage for a time at a moderate rate of interest.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act 1866.

And in the matter of the BYRAMJEE CURSETJEE GHANDY, the Sole Liquidator of the abovementioned Company, sworn on the 2nd day of March, instant, hereunto annexed, and on hearing Messrs. DALLAS and LYNCH, Attornies for the Liquidator, I do order, under Section CXXXI. of Act X. of 1866 that the said FREE LAND COMPANY, Limited, be DISSOLVED as from the 25th day of March 1871, unless in the meantime good and sufficient cause be shown to the contrary; and I do further order that this Order be advertised once in the "Government Gazette," twice in the "Bombay Gazette," twice in the "Times of India," twice in the "Jam-i-Jamshed," twice in the "Bombay Summachar," and twice in the "Soodnyan Bodhuck."—Dated this 4th day of March 1871.

J. P. GREEN.

DALLAS & LYNCH,
Attornies for the Liquidator.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act 1866, and in the matter of the FREE LAND and RECLAMATION COMPANY, Limited.

Upon reading the Affidavit of BYRAMJEE CURSETJEE GHANDY, the Sole Liquidator of the abovementioned Company, sworn on the 2nd day of March, instant, hereunto annexed, and on hearing Messrs. Dallas and Lynch, Attornies for the Liquidator, I do order, under Section CXXXI. of Act X. of 1866 that the said Free Land and Reclamation Company, Limited, be DISSOLVED as from the 25th day of March 1871, unless in the meantime good and sufficient cause be shown to the contrary; and I do further order that this Order be advertised once in the "Government Gazette," twice in the "Bombay Gazette," twice in the "Times of India," twice in the "Jam-i-Jamshed," twice in the "Bombay Summachar," and twice in the "Soodnyan Bodhuck."—Dated this 4th day of March 1871.

J. P. GREEN.

DALLAS & LYNCH,
Attornies for the Liquidator.

JONES' PATENT GIN.—The MOFUSSIL COMPANY, Limited, have been appointed SOLE AGENTS in INDIA, and any information regarding the Patent can be received from JAMES MELVILLE, the General Manager, who is authorized to register orders for New Gins and the necessary Beaters for converting the "Macarthy."

EDWARD JONES, Patentee.

Bombay, 9th March 1871.

IMPORTANT.

TO BE SOLD,

THE MAGNIFICENT STOCK of Messrs. BADHAM and Co., at a great reduction, and 10 per cent. discount for Cash. This is an opportunity that seldom or never offers itself in India for purchasing

FIRST CLASS GOODS AT LESS THAN LONDON PRICES.

OUTSTANDINGS.

All Accounts over one year standing, if paid at once, no interest will be charged. All under one year's standing will be subject to a discount of 10 per cent. if paid by 1st April 1871.

Apollo House. BADHAM & Co.

Bombay, 6th February 1871.

Messrs. HEPTOOLA ALLEEBHOY AND COMPANY.

22, Apollo Street, opposite the Secretariate,

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Bundling Twine.	Paper for Mill use.
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Paint Oil, of various sorts.	Fire Bricks.
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AND A LARGE STOCK OF OTHER SUNDRIES.

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Regimental Messes can be supplied direct from the London House, or send their indents to the Calcutta or Bombay Branches; in either case their orders will meet with prompt attention.

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	In Bond in London.	In India including charges.
	Shillings. Per doz.	Rupees. Per doz.
CHAMPAGNES—		
Fleur de Sillery, dry.....	54 0	35 0
Sillery, choice and dry.....	60 0	39 0
Chateau d'Ay, vintage '58, magnificent wine, very dry	72 0	45 0
Ay, in half pints.....	15 0	12 0
Pints at 6s. per doz. case extra.		
SPARKLING HOCKS—		
Hock, Best Sparkling	54 0	35 0
SPARKLING MOSELLES—		
Moselle, best Sparkling.....	54 0	35 0
SHERRIES—		
G A good Dinner Wine.....	24 0	19 0
G Pale dry, and excellent quality	34 0	24 0
G Pale, elegant, and dry	44	9 0
Vino de Pasta, a wine much appreciated	48 0	31 0
Amontillado, dry and fine quality	50 0	32 0
Amontillado, delicate and extremely dry, as drunk in Spain	50 0	32 0
PORTS—		
G A good Dinner Wine, matured	32 0	23 0
PORT		
G Choice old Wine, fruity, quite an Invalid Wine.....	48 0	31 0
PORT		
STILL MOSELLES—		
Scharzburg	32 0	20 0
Do. Extra quality	40 0	27 0
STEIN WEIN—		
*In original flagons.....	32 0	23 0
STILL HOCKS—		
*Light Hock Ordinaire	18 0	16 0
Nierstein	28 0	21 0
Erbach	30 0	28 0
Scharlachberg	48 0	31 0
Rudesheimer	52 0	33 0
Johannisberg	60 0	37 0
CLARETS—		
Ordinaire	10 0	9 0
Medoc Ordinaire, a light, breakfast Wine	12 0	11 0
Superior Medoc	16 0	14 0
St. Emilion	18 0	16 0
St. Julien	19 0	18 0
Chateau Citran	24 0	19 0
La Rose.....	30 0	22 0
Leoville	36 0	25 0
*Chateau Lafitte	70 0	42 0
Most of the Still Hocks and Clarets in pints at 6s. extra per 24.		

*GRANDE ORDINAIRE, Magnums.

N.B.—By special arrangements with the Proprietors of the Lafitte Estate, the wine may be bottled at the Chateau; in such cases, however, an entire hogshead must be indented for.

RED BURGUNDY—		
Beaune	18 0	16 0
Nuits	24 0	19 0
CHABLIS, a light fine Wine.....	24 0	19 0
SAUTERNE—		
Haut Sauterne	20 0	17 0
*Grand Sauterne, very fine quality	36 0	25 0
BRANDIES—		
G Highly recommended.....	36 0	24 0
G Very old, choice.....	42 0	32 0
SUNDRY SPIRITS—		
Old Tom, 1st quality	10 6	15 0
Hollands.....	12 0	18 0
Superior Old Jamaica Rum, 1st quality	18 0	20 0
Whisky, 1st quality Scotch	12 0	17 0
LIQUEURS (DUTCH)—		
Curaçoa, finest, stone bottles.....	56 0	39 0
Maraschino de Zara	54 0	39 0
Noyeau	54 0	39 0
Cherry Brandy (pints)	18 0	12 0
Orange Bitters, 1st quality.....	18 0	16 0

The above are Cash quotations.

The Wines are packed in cases of 1 dozen quarts or 2 dozen pints. Sample bottles, however, may be had at the advertised rates.

N.B.—We shall be glad to receive orders for execution in London for Bass's Beer, bottled by Bass's Agents, price of which is 7s. 6d. per dozen, f. o. b. in London; cost here, including charges, comes to about Rs. 4-14-0 to Rs. 5-2-0 per dozen, according to exchange.

*** Orders for Beer must be accompanied with a remittance.

N.B.—THE WINES MARKED (*) ARE COMING FORWARD, AND WILL B

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET opened with much inquiry for New Bank of Bombay shares, but closed weak. Other shares steady.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—MARCH 23.

Dayrell, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, from Rawul Pindee.

Hawthorne, Colonel, general duty, on furlough, from Umballa.

Minchin, Major, Madras Staff Corps, on furlough, from Bhawulpoor.

Young, Major, Paymaster, 88th Regiment, to appear before a medical board, from Scalcote.

DEPARTURES.—MARCH 23.

Thom, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, on duty, to Aden.

POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. GRANT, C. B.,
Commanding Poona Division of the Army.

Mahableshwar, 20th March, 1871.

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave :—

Colonel Hankey, 83rd Foot, for 30 days, from date of departure, on private leave.

Colonel Butler, 83rd Foot, for 30 days, from date of departure, on privilege leave.

Captain Metcalfe, 83rd Foot, for 60 days, from the 10th instant, on privilege leave.

Lieutenant Powell, 83rd Foot, for 60 days, from the 10th instant, on privilege leave.

Captain Coles, 9th Regiment N. I., for 60 days, from the 7th April 1871, on privilege leave.

Colonel Whitehill, 23rd Regiment N. L. I., for 60 days, from the 10th April 1871, on privilege leave.

Captain Octavo, 23rd Regiment N. L. I., for 60 days, from the 7th April 1871, on privilege leave.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, March 23.)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant Colonel A. Y. Shortt, Bombay Staff Corps, Political Agent, Kutch, is allowed furlough to Europe for 18 months, on medical certificate, under rule 15 of the furlough regulations of 1868.

Captain H. B Swiney, 17th Bengal Cavalry, is allowed furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that considerable irregularity has occurred in some instances lately, in the transfer of public property from regiments about to embark from India. Government General Order No. 514 of 1866 lays down the system in which such transfers should be made. The stores of a regiment are in charge of the Commanding Officer who, with his Quarter-master, is clearly responsible for their safe custody and disposal. In the case of every transfer it is compulsory on the Commanding Officer to obtain a receipt for the stores transferred, and upon the officer taking them over, to give a receipt to the Commanding Officer, whether it be applied for or not. Commanding Officers will then be required to produce the receipt in proof of any alleged transfer of stores ; and, failing this, will be held personally liable for the value of the missing articles.

It is directed that the 1st October 1871 be the date up to which donation batta for service in Abyssinia shall be paid to the Bombay Marine in India. Rolls of unclaimed shares should be submitted without delay.

Surgeon G. A. Born, M. A. and M.D., Madras Medical Service, is allowed furlough to Europe for fifteen months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1861.

The unexpired portion of the furlough to Europe granted by G. O. No. 826, dated 19th December 1868, to Captain W. Scott, Staff Corps, Assistant Resident, Baroda, is cancelled, from the 2nd January 1871, the date of that officer's return to duty.

Colonel H. W. B. Bell, R. E., has been appointed to act as Mint Master during the absence of Colonel Ballard on six months' leave, or until further orders.

The following order is confirmed :—

Sind District Order, dated 4th February 1871, appointing Major Davis, Second in Command 29th Native Infantry, to officiate as Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, Sind District.

Major E. S. Beamish, R.A., is appointed to act as a third class Commissary of Ordnance, vice Major Clarke, proceeding on furlough.

Lieutenant F. W. M. Spring, R.A., probationary third class Commissary of Ordnance, is confirmed as a third class Commissary of Ordnance, vice Captain A. R. Hoskins, R.A., proceeding on furlough, and who vacates his appointment.

Lieutenant Colonel C. Need, Bengal Infantry, is allowed furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

Major J. T. Harris, Bengal Staff Corps, is allowed furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate, under

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Wing Sub-Lieut. and Adjutant Thornhill, 45th Foot, and Lieutenant Sabine, 2nd N. I., having passed the examination to the Staff Corps, is appointed to the Bombay Staff Corps from the 8th December 1869, subject to the approval of H. M.'s Secretary of State for India.

Ensign Wetherall to have the rank of Lieutenant from the 8th December 1869, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

The undermentioned officers are admitted to the Staff Corps, on probation :—

Ensign H. P. Young, and C. E. Yate, H. M.'s 49th Foot.

Ensign E. Werge, H. M.'s 1-2nd Foot.

The Government of India have ruled that when a soldier's child is left in a station without its natural protectors, and it is necessary that it shall be sent under competent charge to its relatives serving in India, this may be done under Divisional arrangements in a manner causing the least expense to the State.

In supersession of existing orders on the subject, an allowance of 10 rupees per mensem will be granted to Orphanages in this presidency on account of orphans of soldiers admitted into those institutions For legitimate children of soldiers, while the latter are living and serving in India, the State allows Rs. 7-8-0 each monthly, and if instead of keeping his children with himself and making use of the regimental schools, a soldier prefers to send them to any properly conducted educational establishment, this is sanctioned, and assistance given in travelling, but no addition can be made to the monthly allowance. Destitute orphans of Warrant Officers who had been soldiers, come under para. 1 of this order, but their cases must be first specially brought under the consideration of Government for disposal on their merits. Children of soldiers discharged with or without pension are not entitled to subsistence allowance. These rules will come into operation from the 1st proximo.

The Government of India have ruled that non-commissioned officers of departments may be granted free conveyance by rail to the port of embarkation for themselves and their families, when they are proceeding to England on medical certificate ; any charges incurred for their transport otherwise than by rail being, as in the case of Warrant Officers similarly situated, defrayed by themselves.

The Government of India have decided that officers proceeding to appear before a medical board, may, when it can be reached by rail, receive a free passage under the provisions of G. O. G. G. No. 1109 of 1869, that being a necessary preliminary to their obtaining a passage home under the terms of that order.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon J. Cruickshank, M.D., is appointed to be Inspector General of Prisons, vice Surgeon Major Wiehe, resigned.

Mr. F. A. H. Elliot, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Ratnagherry, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Ratnagherry District.

Mr. A. B. Steward, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Belgaum, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Belgaum District.

Mr. J. R. FitzGerald, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Belgaum, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Belgaum District.

Mr. W. H. Horsley, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Poona, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Poona District.

Mr. P. Jacob, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Surat, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Surat District.

Captain A. T. Spens and Lieutenant F. Hunter respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Cantonment Magistrate at Deesa on 23rd February 1871, after office hours.

Captain A. T. Spens received charge of the office of Cantonment Magistrate at Baroda from Major N. B. Thoyts on the 28th ultimo, after office hours.

Major E. W. Lyons, Acting Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad, assumed charge of his office on the 10th instant, in the forenoon.

Khan Saheb Cowasjee Eduljee, Second Class Subordinate Judge of Waghre, in the Surat District, is allowed an extension for two days of the leave on medical certificate granted to him in Government Notification dated the 6th February 1871.

Messrs. R. F. Mactier and A. K. Nairne respectively delivered over and received charge of the Sattara Adawlut on the 13th instant, before office hours.

Mr. A. K. Nairne, Acting Judge and Session Judge of Sattara, made the necessary declaration of office, as required by Bombay Act VI. of 1866, on the 13th instant.

Mr. G. M. Macpherson, C.S., who was employed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India a further extension of furlough for 29 days, returned to Bombay on the 5th instant.

Mr. B McG. H. Fulton, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Ahmedabad, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Ahmedabad District.

Mr. F. L. Charles, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Khandeish, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Khandeish District.

Mr. F. S. P. Lely, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Ahmedabad, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Ahmedabad District.

Mr. H. R. Cooke, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Kaira, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Kaira District.

Mr. J. E. Murphy, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Surat, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Surat District.

Mr. W. Lee-Warner, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Nassick, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Nassick District.

Mr. T. H. Leech, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Sattara, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the first class in the Sattara District, and with powers to commit to a session Court.

Mr. T. Hurd-Davis, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Sholapoor, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the first class in the Sholapoor District, and with powers to commit to a Session Court.

Mr. G. C. Whitworth, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Surat, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the first class in the Surat District, and with powers to commit to a Session Court.

Mr. J. M. Campbell, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Colaba, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the first class in the Colaba District, and with powers to commit to a Session Court.

Messrs. Nana Morojee and Mahadeo Govind Ranade, LL.B., respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Third Magistrate of Police, Bombay, on the 17th instant, before office hours.

Azum Rahwantrao Moreshwur, Acting Mahalkurry of Nagotna, in Sholapoor Penn, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the second class in the Colaba District.

Lieutenant F. M. Hunter and Lieutenant Colonel H. R. Hathway respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Cantonment Magistrate at Deesa on the 16th instant, after office hours.

Captain W. H. Wilson, District Superintendent of Police, Nassick, is allowed subsidiary leave for a period of fifteen days, to enable him to proceed to Europe on furlough already granted to him in the Military Department on the 15th February 1871.

Mr. J. H. Todd, Supernumerary Assistant to the Collector of Tanna, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the first class in the Tanna District, and with powers to commit to a Session Court.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. H. Todd, C.S., passed the Departmental Examination according to the Lower Standard on the 18th ultimo.

Mr. J. R. Arthur, Collector of Sattara, is allowed furlough to Europe for 19 months from 13th May next, under Chapter I. of the Covenanted Civil Service Absentee Rules of 1868. He is also allowed subsidiary leave for 30 days under section 11 of the rules.

The undermentioned gentlemen passed the departmental examinations according to the Higher and Lower Standards, on the 13th ultimo :—

Higher Standard.

Mr. Shunkur Pandoorang, with credit.

Lower Standard.

Mr. W. Allen.

Dr. W. A. Shepherd, Acting Civil Surgeon and Superintendent of Vaccination, Kattyawar Circle, is appointed Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Colaba during the absence of Dr. W. Niven on furlough to Europe.

Shaik Assistant Surgeon Doosabhai Pestonjee, in charge Parekh Dispensary at Surat, is allowed leave of absence for six months to proceed to England, under clause 1, section 12 of the Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules.

Assistant Surgeon R. H. Batty assumed charge of the civil medical duties at Dharwar on the 1st instant before office hours, from Surgeon M. M. Mackenzie.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Colonel H. W. B. Bell, R.E., to act as Mint Master Bombay, during the absence on leave of Colonel J. A Ballard, or until further orders.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon W. Dymock resumed charge of his duties o Professor of Pathology in the Grant Medical College on the evening of the 28th ultimo.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Reverend Thomas Horsfall, Junior Chaplain having returned to duty on the 10th instant, the unexpired portion of his furlough is cancelled.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

The services of Lieutenant G. F. Chambers, H. M.'s 45th Regiment, Acting Superintendent, First Division, Persian Telegraph, are replaced at the disposal of the Military authorities for regimental duty.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—23RD MARCH.

London...	Cotton	£3 0s. 0d.	p. ton.
	Cases	£3 0s. 0d.	"
	Seeds	£2 8s. 0d to £2 10s. 0d.,	"
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 10s. 0d. to £2 12s. 6d.,	"
	Wooden Ships	£2 8s. 0d.,	"
	Myrabolms & Colz bdls	£1 5s. 0d.	"
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	"
Harve.....	Cotton	£3 0s. 0d.	
	Coffee		
Overland ...Steamers		£4 0s. 0d.	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3 5s. 0d. to £3 7s. 6d.	
China ...	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10 per bale.	
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest	
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 3 per bale	
Calcutta ...Salt		Rs. 2 0 0 to 2 0 0 per ton	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 16 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

March	Vessel.	Commander.	From
23	Gatineau	Cumming	Liverpool, Nov. 5.
	Constance	Schroot	Bushire, March 6.

DEPARTURE.

March	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
23	General Havelock (s)	Drewitz	Malabar Coast.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—
Steamer Satara, to Malabar Coast and Calcutta.
Steamer Comorin, to Kurrachee.
Ship Baringa, to Falmouth.]

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 20	Ava (s)	McCallum ..... Madras, March 16.
	Burmah (s)	McKirdy ..... Camorta, March 13.
	Bianca	Browne ..... London, Nov. 25.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 20	Waterloo	.....	.....
	Bombay	.....	.....

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Mar. 20	Lord Clive	..... London.

DAILY IMPORTS.—23RD MARCH.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Stirling (s), 3 cases tobacco, D Merwanjee ; 1 case reeds, the Bombay M H and W Company.

North Tyne (s), 5 cases stripes, C Macdonald & Co.

Westminster, 300 deal planks, W Cooper.

Singapore (s), 5 cases haberdashery, Grindlay, Groom & Co.

Blythwood (s), 4 cases American tobacco, J Sawoo & Co.

FROM LONDON.

Ambrose, 6 casks paint, N Tyebally & Co.

Glenduror, 20 cases claret, Payne & Co.

Alabama (s), 26 cases port, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Robinson Crusoe, 1 case note paper, 35 cases foolscape paper and 2 cases blotting paper, H J H Isae ; 15 cases foolscape paper and 11 cases printing paper, B Sazba & Co.

North Tyne (s), 5 cases paper, B M S and W Company.

Singapore (s), 10 cases confectionery, 65 cases oilmanstores ; 20 cases currants and 2 ca es soap, R Talub ; 5 cases haberdashery, Grindlay, Groom & Co.

The Tweed, 2 cases seed beads, A Ahmedjee.

Anazi, 10 kegs nails and 1 keg hardware, Payne & Co. ; 10 casks and packages hardware, 12 bundles spring steel, and 49 bundles cast steel, C Khatsee.

Daphne, 5 bales paper, A A Currim & Co.

FROM GLASGOW.

City of Nankin, 120 casks pale ale, Wallace & Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Persia (s), 12 cases syrup fruits, J B & Sons.

FROM GENOA.

Persia (s), 200 cases M slabs, H B Touche & Co ; 100 boxes brandy, Volkart Brothers.

FROM GIBRALTAR.

Sumatra (s), 6 casks sherry, E N Colabawalla & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—23RD MARCH.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Westminster, 46 bales cotton, R Mooljee.

Jane Law, 33 bales cotton, T Namidass ; 90 bales cotton, L Ramdayal.

Calcutta, 37 bales cotton, R Ameechund ; 100 bales cotton, C Muxon ; 70 bales cotton, H Capoorchund.

Tethys, 24 bales hemp and 39 bales cotton, S Mooljee ; 50 bales cotton, C Nensey ; 85 bales hemp, S S Narrelwala.

Arethusa, 29 bales cotton, R Amoolnick ; 107 bales cotton, B Ganasdass.

Lord Ashburton, 99 bales cotton, L Gandee ; 400 bales cotton, H B Touche & Co ; 118 bales cotton, L Shamjee.

Rialto, 51 bales cotton, G Jaigopall ; 250 bales cotton, K Huridass & Co.

Ophelia, 112 bales cotton, N Goverdhundass ; 84 bales cotton, M Rathee ; 100 bales cotton, J Yurris ; 500 bales cotton, J Tre bhovandass.

City of York, 19 bales cotton, R Moolchund ; 30 bales wool, B Geerdhur.

Oberon, 13 bales cotton, N Woomersey ; 100 bales cotton, J Yurris.

Sam Mendel, 51 bales cotton, M Mooljee ; 43 bales cotton, D Moorarjee ; 150 bales cotton, A Blaecheck & Co ; 100 bales cotton, M Luckumchundass.

Jerpore, 500 bales cotton, Ewart Latham & Co.

North Tyne (s), 21 bales wool, G H Nanjee ; 110 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co ; 1 bale cotton, Hutchison Dods & Co ; 68 bales cott n, C Shreeputjee.

Atalanta (s), 56 bales wool, D Heerjee ; 200 bundles pepper, S Mooljee ; 200 bales cotton, Kunkler Preiswerck & Co ; 7 bales wool, P Damjee.

Simla (s), 100 bales wool, H Gangjee.

Robert Kerr, 200 bags linseed, S Mooljee ; 700 bundles galls, N Heerjee.

FOR LONDON.

The Tweed, 215 pieces E teeth and 53 packages coffee, H Khan.

Tanjore (s), 7 bundles and 6 packages E teeth, H Nansee ; 33 bales silk, M Mooljee ; 4 bundles, 2 packages and 33 pieces E teeth, B Vullybhoy ; 17 bundles silk, E D Sassoon.

Durham (s), 2,200 bundles coir yarn, S Mooljee ; 6 bundles hide W Nicol & Co. ; 28 bales hide, C Nanjee ; 93 packages coffee, H A Enock ; 77 cases olibanum and 26 cases gum ammonia, E Hason ; 709 packages wet dates, Stearns Hobart & Co. ;

Simla (s), 1,080 packages coffee, 12 cases cardamoms, and 90 cases ginger, B I S N Company.

Cheviot (s), 52 boxes coffee, A Blaecheck & Co.

Princess Somawatty, 400 bales linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR VENICE.

Cheviot (s), 450 bales cotton, G Sigg & Co.

FOR FALMOUTH.

Baringa, 2,000 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.

Lepanto, 1,000 bales cotton, H Clason & Co.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Simla (s), 20 bags pepper, B I S N Company.

FOR BREMEN.

Wilhelmine, 300 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Tanjore (s), 50 bales cotton, L Okerda & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Sattara (s), 268 bales cotton, J Dulsookroy.

Ellora (s), 92 bales cotton, N Kessowjee & Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Ilora (s), 27 chests M opium, E D Sassoon.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

McDOWALL—March 22nd, at Mazagon, Mrs. C. McDowall, of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

LUNGLEY—March 12th, at Rangoon, the wife of Mr. Robert Brook Lungley, H. M. steam r Nemesis, of a son, still-born.

PERKINS—March 13th, at Benares, the wife of H. H. Perkins, Surgeon, 5th Regiment N. L. I., of a daughter.

RONDEAU—March 17th, at Calcutta, the wife of John Richmond Rondeau, Junior, E. I. Railway, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FORBES—TAYLOR—March 17th, at St. James' Church, Lahore, by the Rev. J. R. Baldwin, Lieutenant Edward Millett Forbes, Adjutant, 39th Regiment N. I., to Eva, youngest daughter of the late J. Taylor, Esq., of Hesse.

HOWATSON—BROWN—March 13th, at St. Thomas, Church, Calcutta, James Alexander Howatson, son of F. P. A. Howatson, Esq., Commissioner's Office, Jubbpoorie, Botan, to Mrs. Elizabeth Mary, widow of the late Charles M. Brown, Esq., of Victoria Road, Kensington, London.

DEATH.

MYLNE—March 17th, at Dinapore, Thomas Graham, infant son of Lieutenant-Colonel Mylne, A. C. G.

The Bombay Gazette.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1871.

THE failure of the Thiers' Government to obtain the submission of Paris, up to the beginning of the week, is as marked as the failure of the Emperor to defeat the Germans. It is manifest that a faction, perhaps factions, had got possession of the capital, for it is not at all clear that there were not several parties struggling for power *in* Paris, while it is clear that the dominant party, calling itself the Central Committee, was strong enough to negotiate with the Government at Versailles. The grounds for believing that there are or were more parties than one in Paris are that the Central Committee disowned the "execution" of the two Generals, a word which implies that these officers were shot in cold blood by some persons having possession of power more or less temporary, but not recognized as "authorities" by the Central Committee. It would be interesting to know whether the National Guards held three of the southern forts for the Central Committee or not, and whether the other forts are held by regulars or marines, or by the Reds. From the conspicuous mention of this Central Committee one may infer that it is the more or most powerful, and the inference is supported by the statement that it is negotiating on an equality with the National Assembly. Now, if one or two names of the members representing insurrection were sent us it would be less difficult to understand what has been going on. Through the thick darkness nothing definite is visible save Paris playing her old game. Sooner or later it must be decided whether the capital or the country shall be master. The insurgents, whatever their colour may be, are doing their best to bring back that despotism which alone seems able, by crushing everything except trade and pleasure, to maintain public tranquillity. The sufferings of the siege, and the humiliation caused by the Empire, seem to have taught the Parisians nothing, and we suppose they will continue to be what they have been for six hundred years, either in a state of tumultuous violence, or a state of slavish submission. They are more incapable of an intelligent obedience to an Assembly elected by universal suffrage, than they were to the sword of the Emperor. It is the impracticable temper of the Parisians which renders the establishment of a free government in France extremely difficult if not impossible. What is going on in the rest of France? It is to be regretted that the telegraph has not furnished any information on that momentous subject.

ONCE more the policy of taxing cotton to maintain a Cotton Frauds Department has been formally questioned. It is for the Government to consider whether the cultivation of cotton and the trade in cotton should not be placed on the same footing as that occupied by all other produce and the trade in that produce. We will not stop now to inquire whether the Department has done any good—there must be some good we suppose, in everything ; we will not enter into the controversy about exotic *versus* indigenous cotton, nor debate whether most of the money spent on the culture of exotic varieties was not money thrown away ; these are questions that belong more or less to the past. The point at issue is, how will the department face the new conditions? The two great facts are that America, as predicted, has within five years after the close of the war, recovered her position in the market ; and that prices have fallen accordingly. Even the Cotton Supply Association is dead—dead of inanition ; having "got no work to do." That America will continue to maintain the great lead she has recovered no one doubts who knows anything of the people and the state of the producing regions. The soil, the climate are there, immovably there ; one of the most energetic races under the sun is in possession of the land, in the enjoyment of the climate ; the capital, hitherto expended in the purchase of slaves, is invested now in rent and wages, and seed and manure and implements ; and, moreover, the labour is there, plainly, or the crop could never have been grown. The fact is that the coloured man of the States, just like the native of this country, will work for fair wages ; and although the supply may fall short of the demand and wages go up accordingly, yet the cotton bales on the wharves of New York and in the godowns of Liverpool, prove that there was sufficient labour to produce those millions of bales. Consequently, as we have often maintained, not high prices but low prices will be the rule ; the rate for Indian varieties will not exceed sixpence, perhaps not reach it again for years ; and the ryot will consider whether it is worth his while to give as extensive a preference to cotton as he has hitherto done. The price falling, and the speculative spirit continuing almost as lively as ever, the margin of profit will be—nay, already is fined away to fractions ; and it is for the Government to consider whether it is expedient to handicap Indian cotton even with three annas a bale in its race against the cotton of the world. The traders of Bombay have a strong right to be heard on the question, and their opinion must have great weight, although, strictly speaking, they do not pay the impost. They declare, plainly, against any further stimulus to cotton cultivation, because one effect of stimulus is to render Bombay dependent mainly on a single article of trade ; and another effect is to diminish the margin of profit. As we have often contended, it would be for the advantage of Bombay, and not less for the producers, that there should be variety, and Mr. Hall is quite right in referring the stability of trade in Calcutta to the varied produce in which she deals. While it is desirable that the ryots should be induced, if they can be induced, to obtain larger quantities of a better quality from the same area of cultivation ; it is also desirable that no sort of pressure should be put on them to grow cotton at all. Probably, however, they will settle that question for themselves.

But under these circumstances where is the *raison d'être* of a Cotton Department, and *à fortiori* of a Cotton Frauds Department, since, with emphasis well remembered, the useless character of the Act, which is the warrant for the being of the department, has been admitted officially over and over again. If it is unwise to stimulate cotton culture, and if the Act is of no avail against frauds, what has the Cotton Department got to do that is worth the price—three annas per bale? Speaking as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Hall said with great point, "I do not think we are shortsighted or selfish, but we find that the tax on our trade comes to be considerable. It amounts to a fourth per cent. We pay an eighth per cent. for the brokerage of our bills, and we are asked to pay double that amount. And for what? For what does us no good." What have the other side to say in answer, and what is the case for the preservation of the Act by the Government?

At all events there is one thing the Department can do, one thing it is bound to do, and that one thing is—*to publish its accounts*.

MR. O'CONNOR has filed a suit for false imprisonment against the Deputy Commissioner of Simla, and has laid his damages at twenty thousand rupees.

SURGEON DANE, B.A., Civil Surgeon, Ahmednuggur, has been allowed privilege leave from 1st April to 31st May 1871 ; Surgeon Liddell, 16th Regiment N. I., performing his duties during his absence.

SURGEON HUNTER, Civil Surgeon, Sholapore, has been allowed forty-five days' privilege leave, from date of departure, his duties during his absence being performed by Assistant Surgeon Leggatt, 28th Regiment N. I.

SERJEANT BALLANTINE is said, by a Calcutta contemporary, to be coming out from England as counsel for Ameer Khan and the other prisoners to be arraigned with him. Mr. Anstey will be the learned Serjeant's colleague in conducting the defence.

WE observe that Calcutta has at last got a swimming-bath. The bath, which is in the Tivoli gardens, is about 130 feet long by 80 feet wide, with a floor sloping gradually from 3½ feet to 8½ or 9 feet, and is supplied with water from the Municipal works.

THE Viceregal Legislative Council will meet at Allahabad on the 6th proximo under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor-General, for the purpose of dealing with the two North-West Provinces taxation bills. The Lieutenant-Governor of the N. W. P., who is "ex-officio" a member of the Council whenever it sits within his jurisdiction, is expected to deliver his views fully regarding the finances and future taxation and expenditure of these provinces.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 22ND MARCH, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was advancing.

Fair Dhollera 5¼d.

Consols 92.

Rentes at Paris 51.

Exchange on India 1s. 10¾d.

AN EASY CURE FOR LEPROSY!

MEDICAL science seems to have triumphed over leprosy. The Civil Surgeon of Khundwa reports the case of a wretched old Jew who came to him from Bombay in great society and obliged him to live in a hut by himself. He was at this time pleasingly mottled with rose colour. The doctor at once had him washed with soap and warm water. The old Jew got wonderfully better. He was then anointed with carbolic acid and oil, with such good effects that next day he wrote to his wife to expect him home in a week. In short, what with washing with soap and water, and what with anointing with carbolic acid and oil, the old Jew was very completely cured. The experiment had moreover an interest apart from the fact that an ancient scourge was being conquered—in the chameleon variations of the corpus vile under experiment. The Jew came to Khundwa rose colour and brown ; in a week or two he was glossy black and brown ; a little later he became speckled grey ; then his cuticle—possibly wonderful like Alice in Wonderland, "what will happen next"—lost all patience with the Jew, and peeled away from him, leaving him just the colour a Jew ought to be. He lives in the hut no longer.—*Pioneer*.

BOMBAY.

MR. RAYMOND WEST, of the Bombay Civil Service, who is now on leave to Europe, is expected here in May next.

KATTYWAR.—Colonel Anderson, Political Agent in Kattywar, who is now on circuit, is expected at Joonaghur in a day or two.

THE SHIP GATINEAU, 1,165 tons, Captain J. Cumming, arrived yesterday from Liverpool with a cargo of 1,634 tons of coal.

THE HON. MR. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government, is expected here from Calcutta in the beginning of next month.

A PATTAMAR SUNK.—On Wednesday last a pattamar, No. 6,814, laden with [illegible] Apollo Bunder. Fortunately no lives were lost.

CRICKET.—A match at Cricket will be played on the Esplanade, between the Colaba and the Grant Medical College Cricket Clubs, on Saturday, the 25th instant.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—On Wednesday, a Hindoo lad, aged about ten years, named Sonoo Luxmon, residing with his parents in Churney road, took a dose of opium with the object of committing suicide. He was soon removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

THEFT BY A DOMESTIC.—Muodoom Goolam Hoossein, a domestic servant, was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday with stealing a silver vessel, value Rs. 25, belonging to Mr. Dhunjeeshaw Manockjee Lalcaca, and was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY.—In pursuance of an order of the High Court, the building in Apollo Street, now in the occupation of Messrs. Lyon Brothers and Co., and belonging to Mr. Manockjee Sorabjee Ashburner, has been sold to Mr. Burjorjee Rustomjee for Rs. 88,000.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—Value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 13th March 1871, Rs. 21,47,076. There are in addition 1,84,700 rupees' worth of silver bullion belonging to private individuals deposited in the Mint vaults, and awaiting assay.

INQUEST.—Dr. Hewlett held an inquest yesterday on the Esplanade respecting the death of a new-born female child, whose body was found yesterday morning. A policeman, while going his rounds, saw a bundle lying near the palings at the Chief Engineer's Office, and on opening it found the body of the child. The Coroner adjourned the case for further enquiry.

GAMBLERS.—In the Girgaum Police Court yesterday Madar Mahomed and Hoossein Ismail were charged with gaming with dice and money in a public place at Parell. They were adjudged guilty. The first defendant, being a confirmed gambler, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, while the second was fined five rupees, with the alternative of a fortnight's imprisonment.

REFUSING TO PAY FARE.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before the acting Chief Magistrate, Richard Johnson, a fitter, was charged with refusing or omitting to pay the legal fare due by him for hire of a public conveyance. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he had no money. He was sent to jail for ten days' simple imprisonment. The same defendant was charged with another similar offence, and was further sentenced to ten days' simple imprisonment.

HIGH COURT DECREE.—At the High Court yesterday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Bayley a summary suit was called for hearing in which Mr. John Brandenburg sued one Janmahomed Meghjee to recover Rs. 31,467, being the amount due on account of redrafts. The defendant, who appeared in person, admitted the claim, and stated that he had filed his schedule on Monday last, wherein he had inserted the amount. A decree was given for the amount claimed with interest and costs. His Lordship ordered the stay of execution until further orders. Mr. Leith appeared on behalf of the plaintiff.

THE head-quarters and squadron of the 1st Regiment Light Cavalry, consisting of three European officers, eight native officers, one hundred and seventy-five rank and file, and two hundred horses, will arrive here on the 25th instant from Deesa.—*Poona Observer*, March 23.

AN interesting lecture on the rains and vegetation of the East (the second of a course) was successfully given in the regimental school-room, 49th Regiment, to a large and crowded audience, on Tuesday evening last, by Mr. Treacy, schoolmaster to the regiment. During the evening, and at intervals, songs and recitations were rendered in good style by the juveniles of the regiment.—*Ibid.*

LADY AND THE MISSES SPENCER are expected at Gunnesh Khind House this evening, and are, we hear, going to leave to-morrow evening for Mahableshwur. His Excellency the Hon. Sir Augustus Spencer's stay at the presidency will be prolonged for a few weeks more, it is said, to be present at the ceremony of the uncovering of Her Most Gracious Majesty's statue—the first of the kind on this side of India—the gift of His Highness the late Gaekwar. But we believe it is mainly the assembling of the Legislative Council, that is the cause of Army Head Quarters remaining at Bombay for the present.—*Ibid.*

A DERELICT SHIP.—Captain Valiant, of the British ship Botanist, from Liverpool, reports that on the 6th of December last, in lat. 37·19 N., long. 23·25 W., he fell in with a derelict schooner, the Bessie of St. Ives' waterlogged and abandoned. She was found to be laden with grain, and making water very fast, and she was seen to go down shortly after the Botanist left her.—*Englishman*, March 21.

AN enterprizing European is, it is said, now at the Court of Mandalay, who promises the King to use his influence to get Bassein ceded to His Majesty, and even goes so far as to talk about getting Pegu back for the Burmese. The King, it is said, believes in the enterprising European, and looks forward to the day when he shall hold his Court in Rangoon. We hope somebody will hang the enterprising European.—*Pioneer*.

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, 21st March, was 335, being 34 less than in the preceding week, 32 more than the total of the week ending 22nd March 1870, and 21 less than the mean of the corresponding period in the previous five years. During the week 218 births were reported in the different districts of the city.

Section or Sub-Section.	Population, by Census of 1864.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Cholera.	Nervous System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Accidents and Violence.	Total (including diseases not specified).	Total reported births in the week exclusive of Still-born.
Colaba	19,161	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	5	5
Fort, Southern	2,456	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort, Northern	39,253	...	1	4	...	3	...	16	11	3
Esplanade	7,999	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	3	3
Market	70,402	...	6	...	1	2	1	20	9	9
Mandvee	41,152	1	9	...	1	2	1	14	16	11
Umrickh	41,442	3	10	...	4	5	2	30	12	12
Bombay Share	63,092	3	12	...	1	6	1	30	12	12
Dongree	60,359	1	5	1	...	1	1	10	11	9

E SPEECHES ON THE BUDGET AND THE INCOME-TAX.

VICEREGAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MARCH 17.

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY'S "GAZETTE."]

MR. BULLEN SMITE'S SPEECH.

THE Hon'ble Mr. Bullen Smith said—My Lord,—I have to record my opinion against the bill now before the Council. I do so unwillingly, and solely on account of the permanent character given to the measure it proposes, but without much stronger arguments than I find in the figures of the Financial Statement lately delivered. I cannot give my vote for the permanent enactment of a form of taxation which, in the opinion of all those whose judgment I most respect, is utterly unsuited to this country. I am not altogether satisfied that necessity exists for the re-enactment of this income-tax for any period, but I should feel it my duty to give to those who are responsible for carrying on the government of the country the benefit of any doubt which may exist in my own mind, and had this tax been proposed for one year only, I would have been disposed to vote in its favour, as perhaps not altogether an unreasonable proposal, with reference to the very small prospective margin of surplus shown in the statement of ways and means for the coming year, and with reference to the fact that the income-tax is not altogether new, but has unfortunately for a number of years, by force of necessity, held a continuous place in our fiscal system. While saying this, however, I desire to guard myself from being supposed in any way to recede from the position I felt it my duty to take up when the same tax, but in a much more aggravated form, was before the Council last year. I thought then, and I think still, that in passing the Income-tax Act now about to expire, this Council committed a grievous injustice, as, with full knowledge of the comparatively small section of the people of this Empire on whom such direct taxation even professes to fall, and of the still more limited proportion from whom it is at all fairly and equitably collectable, we passed a measure which practically threw upon that small section of the community the whole burden of the deficit which was at that time apparently inevitable. In this connection I must say that I listened with regret to the reference made in the recent budget exposition to some reports by the local Governments as to the working of the Income-tax Act during the year now closing. I have not, of course, a doubt that what is stated in these reports is strictly true, and as mere formal documents they do not perhaps require much notice, but, imported into a budget exposition, if not as a sort of justification of the tax, I know not for what purpose, they acquire an importance and significance to which I consider they are not entitled, believing as I do that they are utterly valueless as affording any real gauge of the working of the income-tax among the poorer of the classes affected by it. I know well what were the ideas of the member who last session sat in this Council on behalf of Madras on this subject, and I appeal with confidence to the hon'ble gentleman opposite, who now represents that Presidency, whether the statement of his Government, that no complaints had been brought to their notice, conveys to his mind anything like a just impression of what he believes to have been the real working of this Act among the people of Southern India. As I have said before, the reports in question are doubtless technically correct, but in this country, above all others of which I know anything, what is brought to the notice of Government is one side of the picture, what actually takes place a very different reverse. Let me appeal in support of this statement to the cases of oppression or over-exaction reported by the Government of Bengal. Those who are acquainted with the details of these cases, the chief of which occurred not very far from where we are now sitting, know that they came to the notice of Government, not through any regular official source, but through the press, set in motion by one on whose interference in such matters Government had no claim whatever, but who accidentally becoming acquainted with what was going on, actively bestowed himself to obtain redress for those who otherwise would in all probability never have got it. I admit that once these cases were brought to the notice of the local Government redress was promptly given, but does not the mere fact of their occurrence in the close vicinity of this city warrant the belief that there must have occurred in the remoter districts of this country countless similar cases of oppression of which the local Government never heard, and the full measure of suffering involved in which will never be known. It may be asked, why I refer to these things? Simply, my Lord, because I feel that we cannot afford to weaken by one single thread the slender cord of sympathy which does exist between us and those for whom we legislate. However we may differ in opinion as to the financial measures adopted last April, we must all unite in deploring the lamentable want of cordiality between governors and governed, by which the year now closing has been so strikingly marked; and it is because I fear the reference made to these reports will not tend in any degree to promote a better feeling, that I would fain have seen it omitted altogether from this exposition, or couched in terms of broader and more hearty sympathy.

The bill now before the Council, as compared with the Act about to expire, gives substantial relief both in the percentage levied and in the range of incomes affected. In common with many others, I had hoped this taxation in some form, they would have seen their way to the exemption of all incomes under Rs. 1,000 per annum; but, as I understand this point was made the subject of special discussion in the Executive Council, I do not press it. I do, however, trust that if this bill passes to-day to a select committee, the apparently permanent character which it now wears will be altered, and that, like its predecessor, it will be enacted for one year only. Of the unsuitability of an income-tax to this country, we have from time to time heard so much in this Council and elsewhere, that I would not add a word on the subject, but those who desire new testimony on this head will find it in the report of the late committee on taxation in the North-West, published in last Saturday's *Gazette*. I would deprecate in the strongest manner any attempt to place this income-tax among our permanent sources of revenue, for I cannot forget—and of this I would remind the hon'ble member of the Government in charge of the finances—what a long way we continue this tax under the existing conditions of this country, so long do we violate that which is by the highest authorities acknowledged to be the aim and principle of all direct taxation, viz: to leave all classes affected by it in the same relative position as it found them. All experience proves that we cannot thus levy an income tax in India, and although the hon'ble member may plead that stern necessity has driven the Government to this violation in time past, I submit that in asking for this tax as a permanent institution, he appears content to perpetuate this course, and in the administration of a finance of first magnitude to turn his back upon the acknowledged principle to which I have alluded. There is another point of view from which I think persistence in passing this bill without limit as to time would be inexpedient, and certainly not in accord with that publicity which has hitherto been a notable and highly appreciated feature in your Lordship's administration. By the constitution of this Council, it is not open to any member to take the initiative in any measure affecting the finances of the country, without the express permission of the head of the Government. Of course, I do not forget that when a measure is proposed, to which the Government are pledged, it cannot, under existing conditions of this Council, be successfully opposed; but the mere fact of leave being asked, however formal in its practical bearing on the result, gives an opportunity to the public of hearing anew what is to be said on both sides of the question, and of expressing their own opinions upon it. The bill before the Council does away with all this, stereotypes the impost now under discussion, and in so doing I think rather tends to defeat the ends for which this Council is supposed to have been established.

Turning now, my Lord, to the financial exposition of which the bill before the Council is the practical result, I must express my regret and disappointment at the retention of the export duty on rice, and my still greater surprise at the few passing words with which a measure involving a glaring fiscal inconsistency is dismissed. I am not about to weary the Council by a repetition of the arguments by which I last year endeavoured to show that the abolition of this duty was in the highest degree expedient. I may remark, in passing, that, although the rice trade from this port does show for the year about to close some improvement on that for 1869-70, it still falls far short of what it was in 1864-65, up to which period it had been increasing at the rate of nearly 20 per cent. yearly. I might also remark that the export to China, to the revival in which the hon'ble member in his financial exposition last year looked forward with feelings of hope and comfort, has undergone no improvement worth mentioning, the export of the twelve months falling under 3,000 tons or 3 moderate cargoes, while during the same year the total export of Saigon rice had risen from 157,000 tons in 1869 to 222,000 tons in 1870, or nearly 40 per cent., of which increase that to China was more than three-fold, showing how utterly, even under the most favourable conditions of demand, we are being beaten out of that market. As to the undesirable nature of export duties as a whole, we are all agreed; but what those interested in the rice trade of this country would have liked to hear, is not the bare fact that the duty is to be maintained, but some explanation of the principle on which, assuming that a certain amount of revenue must be raised from export duties, rice is selected as one of the articles to contribute. In using the word selected, I speak advisedly, because although the hon'ble member did last year, in replying to certain remarks of mine, say that he was only the continuer, not the originator, of this duty, I scarcely think this a line of defence, to which, on reflection, he will be disposed to adhere, and in any case, for my own part, I can make no practical difference between the administrator who imposes a wrong tax, and the one who refuses to repeal it, when its injurious effects have been fairly brought to his notice! Indeed, of the two, I should say the latter was the more culpable, inasmuch as he errs in the face of actual experience. Assuming, as I have said, that all export duties are objectionable, but that the necessities of the State render some income from such a source imperative, the question then surely arises—Which, among our considerable articles of export, most nearly approach the condition under which, according to the universally received principles of political economy, an export duty can best be borne? In other words, which of our considerable articles of export have, as regards supplying the wants of other countries, a monopoly, or the nearest approach thereto? I think none will deny that the institution of such an examination as I have sketched into the position of our various export trades would be the proper course to pursue under the circumstances, but I find nothing in this exposition showing that the principle I speak of has even been considered. By way of illustration I will take the three important articles of indigo, rice, and jute, and I specially select jute, because in the Financial Statement before me, the continued flourishing condition of this article is dwelt upon. I find that this article, of which I may say that British India has almost an entire monopoly, the value of which has nearly doubled of late years, and the export of which has marvellously increased, leaves the country free of all duty whatever. I find that indigo, of which British India furnishes the main supply to the world, although Guatemala to a certain extent competes, pays an export duty of Re. 3 per maund, or, say, 1¼ per cent. on the average selling price of the season just closed, while rice pays an export duty of 3 annas per maund, equal at present prices in this Presidency to nearly 9 per cent. on the common, and over 7 per cent. on the better qualities. That is to say, the article of which we have virtually a monopoly, and the growing prosperity of which is matter of universal comment, pays no export duty; the article which meets with a certain competition pays 1¼ per cent., while the article which is exposed to a keen competition in every market to which it goes, is at the present moment paying an export duty of 7 to 9 per cent. It may be asked—do you wish Government to add to the export duties? I say, certainly not, and that I would much regret to see the Government of India enter upon such a retrograde course, but I place these figures before the Council in order to show that it is not without reason the many who are directly and indirectly interested in this rice trade cry out for relief, and in the hope that the Government will yet reconsider this matter, and make the concession desired—a concession which would be doubly valuable in the present season, when an abundant rice harvest in Burmah seems to promise that the repeal of the duty would be attended with substantial benefit, and perhaps enable the trade to recover its footing in some of the markets in which it has been losing ground. I do not, my Lord, under-estimate the difficulties of the Indian Exchequer, and I would not willingly press unreasonably or unfairly my views upon the member of the Government in charge of the finances, but it is the inevitable lot of whoever undertakes to administer a finance summing up 50 millions sterling on either side of the account to find himself face to face with great first principles, such as I have been speaking of, and in proportion as recognition to these is refused, in the degree in which they are silently ignored, to that extent will public confidence in these annual financial expositions be withheld, however clearly they may be drawn up, however elaborately expounded.

I would have been glad had the exposition now under discussion afforded a little more explanation upon the loans contracted during the current year! We are told that the Government of India has managed to get through the year without the loan which it was thought might have been necessary, which is satisfactory; but at the same time we are informed that the Secretary of State has not only borrowed the full amount mentioned in last Statement, but also 1½ million in excess, and that he has intimated his intention of borrowing 2½ millions more during the current year. Now, looking at our large balances, I do not quite understand how this excess of home borrowing during the current year became necessary, and what I should like to ask is, whether these loans were contracted under the requisition of the Government of India and with their sanction, and whether the same conditions will apply to the loans to be raised during the coming year, or whether the words "intends to borrow" signify that the amount in question is to be raised without the concurrence or wish of the Government of India. If the latter interpretation be correct, then I say the arrangement appears to me highly inconvenient and irregular to say the least, and this from two points of view. The Secretary of State is of course recognised as the supreme authority in all matters relating to India, but in another sense he is, as has been stated, only the agent of the Government of India. Accepting this position, it clearly follows that head-quarters are here, that here all provincial measures of every kind must originate, that there lies upon the Government of India the duty of providing funds from time to time to meet these obligations in England, but that with them also must remain the discretion of providing these funds in the manner they deem best, whether by acceptance of drafts upon them, by direct remittance, by loans raised here or in England at their request. The principle of an agent contracting large loans without previous understanding with his principal does not commend itself to my judgment. Then, again, this home borrowing appears to be done quietly, without that ample publicity which always attends upon loans issued by the Government in this country. The average rate of interest mentioned in the exposition does not indicate that any saving of consequence has attended this practice; and even were it otherwise, I think it reprehensible. Holders of Government Securities are not in the position of first mortgages, and, in my opinion, they have a moral claim to receive, in all cases where an addition to the permanent debt of the country is about to be made, that ample notice which is given to the country. I am aware that the solution of these matters probably lies at home, but I think they are well worthy of attention. No system of finance can work well with two heads, and if there is, as seems implied, an authority in England, either altogether irresponsible or only checked by the very mild control Parliament has hitherto exercised in the question of Indian expenditure which can raise money at will without the concurrence of this Government, the efforts made here to put the finances on a sound footing may be seriously hampered.

There are several other points in this most interesting exposition to which I would like to refer, but I feel that I have already sufficiently occupied the time of the Council. The statement is admirably drawn up; and although pre-eminently framed for safety, I would, as already said, have been disposed to grant for one year the taxation asked for in this bill, in the hope that its renewal would not be required at our hands. My belief is that we now possess an income sufficient for the wants of the country—an income which, if properly administered, will not fail us; and for any further margin of surplus, I think we should look more to reduction of expenditure than to new revenue. All will approve the determination of Government as expressed in the concluding portion of the exposition to pay all "ordinary expenditure" out of revenue, but then the term "ordinary expenditure" must not be abused, and stretched as of late years, for I think none will deny that the financial troubles from which we seem now to be emerging arose, not from failure of revenue, but from lavish and, I fear I must add, often ill-considered expenditure. With this cardinal point kept well in view, with a continuance of that judicious economy which has in the last eighteen months effected so much, and with the recognition of sound financial principles, I doubt not that the hon'ble gentleman in charge of the exchequer will soon attain the fulfilment of that hope to which I once heard him give public expression, "that to him it might be given to bring the vessel of the State out of the storms and tempests of chronic deficit, into the smooth and quiet haven of assured and continuous surplus."

SPEECH OF THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor said that he did not propose to enter on the present occasion on the broad questions of financial policy which were raised by the Budget Statement of the Hon'ble Sir Richard Temple, and which this bill was intended to carry out. He did not pretend to rise to that height; he did not propose either to enter into the question whether, in his opinion, the income-tax ought or ought not to be imposed. He candidly confessed that he had arrived at no satisfactory conclusion on that point. He would therefore rather address himself to certain matters in regard to the form and character of the bill before the Council; but before doing so, he should refer to the opinion expressed in Bengal on the levy of this tax in past years. He was new to this Government, and was therefore not prepared to enter on the question as to how far that opinion was well founded. But he was quite prepared to admit that there was a strong feeling of objection to the income-tax on the part of the tax-payers and on the part of the Government and their officers and others in Bengal who have been acquainted with the working of the law. Having lately passed through the provinces under the Government of the several local administrations, he was prepared to say that the feeling against the tax was universally prevalent in these local administrations. Unlike the hon'ble members who represented the other administrations, and the hon'ble member on his right (Mr. Bullen Smith), who in some sense might be said to represent the Presidency towns, His Honor did not object to this bill, but his observations would be addressed to the form and character of the bill which was now before the Council. The most marked feature in this bill was, there was no limit or duration of time, and it might therefore be assumed to be a perpetual bill, that is to say, to be continued and entertained until the wisdom of the Council should otherwise determine. For he would be allowed to assume, when he alluded to the character of the bill as a bill without the limit of time, and to the very moderate character of the assessment which had been proposed, that the object and intention was that which has often been suggested, namely, that we should have a light and easy tax, so worked that it would not be strongly opposed by the local Governments, which should enable us to raise money in times of emergency by a heavier tax, as had been done in the year just passed. He thought, if that was the plan, that it was subject to this imputation, that when it was, as now, light, it was not worth the trouble and vexation that it produced; on the other hand, when in times of unavoidable necessity it was made heavier, it was not worth the extreme opposition and extremes of opinion and ill-feeling which past years showed it engendered on such occasions. He confessed he long had doubts as to the policy of an imperial and general income-tax in this country, and he might say that these doubts were increased by the observations which had been made by hon'ble members to-day. On the other hand, looking to the increase of wealth in the land, though it may be that that increase was exaggerated, seeing that in many provinces there was a rapidly increasing growth of wealth in the hands of the wealthy, it was the necessity of the times that we should have some mode of taxing these riches, not perhaps permanently, but at least temporary; and it was also the object of the tax to suggest means by which difficulties might be obviated, and by which we might have the means of taxing riches, if not immediately, in the future. Well, then, he said, that not discussing the question whether there should or should not be a permanent tax, but one which from time to time might be imposed at different rates, he was inclined to think that it would be better to keep it on for two or three years at least. You will then be able to judge where the shoe pinched, and you will then be able to see when you have taxed rather high, whether in point of fact it was worth collecting, whether it was capable of being collected, and if not suitable in its present form whether it was to adopt possible any other form in which it would be worth the trouble of collection. He at the same time differed from the hon'ble gentleman opposite in thinking that the hon'ble gentleman who had introduced the bill, and who was the best judge of its intentions, had sailed somewhat near the wind, because from the statement which he had made, it appeared that the surplus was almost infinitesimal. His Honor hoped the hon'ble gentleman's sanguine expectation in regard to the receipts and expenditure might be realised, and that the whole total of revenue might be increased to the extent he anticipated, and that the expenditure might be lessened, as he hoped it might. But he confessed that it was not view like that which had been realised in other years. He would say, with reference to the question put by the Hon'ble Mr. Chapman, suggesting that the Government should arrange what was to be done with their surplus, that you must first catch your hare—you must first get your surplus before you can dispose of it.

He would now go into the budget of the year solely as affecting the Income-tax Bill now before the Council. He had always been of opinion that the Government of this country, whether right or wrong in opposing an income-tax, were undoubtedly in the wrong if they did not boldly face the fact of the deficit, and boldly face the necessity of imposing a tax instead of adopting the vulgar expedient of making up the deficit by raising money by loans. Now, we live in happier times. The deficit of the million and a half that we had, has been now exchanged for an infinitesimal surplus. That change has been effected by an increase in the estimate in the yield of opium, and by turning over part of the deficit to the local Governments. He thought they should never lose sight of this fact, that in reducing the income-tax from 8½ per cent. to one per cent., it has been effected by turning over part of the deficit to the local Governments of near £350,890, and empowering them to make that deficit good in the best way they could. Now, that deficit was not only a very considerable one, but was explained by Sir Richard Temple to consist of charges which are rapidly growing and which probably would continue to grow. He had seen it asserted in the newspapers, that the Government of Bengal were in a position to carry on, without additional taxation, the obligations imposed upon them by the Government of India. He was sorry to say that that statement was wholly inaccurate, because the Government of Bengal was not yet in a position to deal with the question, and he was afraid that the result would not prove as favourable as the newspapers had suggested. He would like to call the attention of the Council to this point. A portion of the burden which has been transferred from the Government of India to the local Governments, and which has enabled the Government of India to reduce the income-tax imposed on the local Governments the power to meet that deficit. He laid aside the proposed cesses for education and roads, which he thought were not properly before the Council, because they were to be imposed as charges for particular objects, which were amongst the departments which had been transferred to the local Governments. He would state that the statements made by the Hon'ble Messrs. Chapman and Robinson in regard to these local cesses were very imperfect. They said that the people were already in those local administrations very hardly taxed, for God's sake don't you come in and tax them harder. He would endeavour to ascertain how the local Government proposed to meet the deficit thrown on them by the recent scheme of financial decentralization by the Government of India. Well, he had looked to the course followed, and which was likely to be followed by these local Governments, and he found that in fact, putting aside the local cesses, the invariable resource was something in the nature of a licence tax, with which we are all familiar, and which has been proposed to supplement the income-tax or as a substitute for it. He found that that tax seemed to be a very limited income-tax, roughly imposed by grades, and not upon a percentage on incomes; and that the limit did not go higher in the North-Western Provinces than six rupees. He could only say that the general effect of that tax seemed to him to be that the local Governments endeavoured to meet the deficit by a rough income-tax upon the smaller incomes, and those were the very incomes which the Government of India have taken the credit of exempting from the income-tax. Then his view was that these licence taxes were really income-taxes upon all incomes not affected by the income-tax. They differed from the tax which was taken off by the Government of India in this, that they exempted the richer and more influential classes of the people. As he had said before, he did not think it right to bring on the question of local cesses as regards the burden of taxation on the people, but he would ask to be allowed to say a few words with reference to the form of income-tax proposed. He had lately looked over the various Acts and reports of this and the local Legislature under which local taxation was imposed in Bengal. Now he had enquired in regard to the working of these local taxes, and he found that several of these taxes were taxes on houses and means of the persons to be taxed. The most common and the most popular of these taxes, or rather the least unpopular, was a tax described as a tax on the income and property to be protected of the person to be taxed. That was of the nature of a rough property income-tax—a tax graduated with regard to the circumstances and property [illegible] from those existing at the time when this duty was imposed.

There remained only one point on which His Honor would remark, and that was with reference to the question of borrowing. He was not a financial man, and did not pretend to enter into this question in a strictly financial point of view. But as a social question, he was very much impressed with the impolicy of carrying all our loans into England. It was said that it was a political advantage to have the people interested in the security of the Government of the country, and that it was a safeguard against revolution and political dangers. He wished to express his opinion that he was anxious to create a large debt in India on this supposition. He was against borrowing more than could be helped; but if you did borrow, he thought the Government of India should avail themselves of the advantage which a large debt contracted in the country did undoubtedly give. He said that not only in regard to the course proposed to be adopted on the present occasion, but also with reference to all future occasions when it was proposed to borrow there were in this country very few modes of investment. The District Savings Banks had not yet been established to any great degree. In Lucknow especially there was a large class of people who were much impressed with the security of incomes derived from the Government. We had a very large number of small pensioners there, the payment of whose pensions was so troublesome that the Government were at one time exceedingly anxious to capitalise their pensions, and pay them off, but it was found that the pensioners had not acceded to the proposal; they preferred to have a fixed income from Government. The experience of that and other occasions had brought to his mind this conviction, that if we went to work in the right way, if we left it open to the Collector to receive from the people small sums, the interests of which would be readily payable, we should in that way receive a large sum in satisfaction of a loan from our fellow-native subjects. The difference in value to this country between a general loan here and in England was very fractional. The difference was not more than one or two per cent. He observed that at present Government securities stood in England at 99½, and here they were as high as 98. He spoke with reference to the value of the Government funds in this country, and he believed that if Government did not sell at 98, it certainly sold at 97. The difference was merely fractional, and that very small fraction was, he thought, more than counterbalanced by the Government obtaining an additional security from the people of the country being largely interested in the debt of the country.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE VICEROY ON DECENTRALISATION.

MEETING OF THE VICEREGAL COUNCIL ON MARCH 18.

THE adjourned meeting of the Council was held on Saturday at Government House at 11 o'clock.

His Excellency the Viceroy said—Before we proceed I wish to make a statement with regard to the progress of business in this Council, because there seems to be a little misapprehension on the part of the public as to the time and period at which the various objections to the bill now under consideration must be taken.

I wish, in the first instance, to repeat a statement made by my hon'ble colleague, Mr. Stephen, when leave was asked to introduce an Income-tax Bill. The hon'ble gentleman then said that the bill would be introduced into the Council on the 17th, and would, on that day, be referred to a select committee.

The only deviation from the ordinary practice has been that in order to place the public at the earliest possible moment in possession of the details of the measure, the bill was provided at once, and has been published for some days.

My hon'ble friend further stated that the committee would probably present their report on the 24th. The Council will then be in a position to take the report into consideration and pass the bill on the 31st.

I make this statement in order to show that on this occasion we have thought it desirable to assign a longer time than is usual for the passing of a tax bill by this Legislative Council.

The result will be that the proposals of the Government and the actual details and features of the bill, will have been in the hands of the public for nearly a month from the time of its introduction.

With regard to the other bills which affect the great question of local taxation, I propose that we should pass the bill relating to the levy of rates on land in Oudh during the stay in Calcutta.

It appears that the principle of that bill has been fully discussed in the province to which it refers—we have had the advantage of a personal conference with the Chief Commissioner on the subject, and he, before he came to Calcutta, had ascertained that the leading proprietors and talookdars in Oudh were, on the whole, favourable to the principle of the bill. I therefore think it would be most to the public advantage that that bill should be proceeded with and passed during our stay in Calcutta—the last stage of the bill being probably taken up about the 31st of this month. With regard to the next two bills, namely, for imposing duty on certain trades and dealings in the North-West Provinces and Oudh, and also as to the levying of rates on land in the North-West Provinces, called the "North-West Provinces Local Rates Act," I wish to state that, on consideration, I think the most convenient course with regard to the bill would be to take, as is proposed, a stage to-day—refer it to a select committee—receive the report of the select committee while we are here, and to hold for the purpose of further discussion and for the passing of the last stage of the bill a meeting of this Council at Allahabad about the middle of the ensuing month. I think this will give time for the fullest consideration of the important question involved. The principles of the bill will thus be discussed and determined on, in the capital of the province to which it relates. The Lieutenant-Governor of the province, in his official capacity, will be a member of the Legislative Council meeting at Allahabad—the public and the officers of the province will have more time and fuller opportunities of considering in detail all its important provisions. On the whole, the result will be more satisfactory than if we took the last stage at Calcutta, and that any observations or criticisms will be best made or any assistance we may hope to derive from local knowledge and local experience will be best afforded by holding a meeting of the Legislative Council within the limits of the province to which this bill applies.

With regard to the Punjab bill, I have only to state that no further proceedings will be taken with reference to that measure until the Legislative Council meets within that province, and I hope that we shall have at Simla, as in the case of the N.W. Provinces, the advantage of the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council during the discussion upon a bill which so materially affects the interests of the Punjab.

The Hon'ble Mr. Strachey then introduced the bill for the levy of rates on land in Oudh, and moved that it be referred to a select committee with instructions to report in a week. After what he had said at the previous debate on the same bill, he thought he need not trouble the Council with any further remarks on its general principles. This bill, which had been originally prepared by Mr. Davis, when Chief Commissioner of Oudh, and came to the Council with an amount of local authority which could hardly be more complete, had been now before them for a week. It simply proposed to levy a rate of 1¼ per cent. on the value of land in Oudh, 75 per cent. of which would, under section 9, be expended on works of public utility. The expenditure of the rates would be under the control of a local committee, not less than half of whom would be non-officials.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ellis advocated some stricter definition of the limits within which the 75 per cent. of the funds locally raised should be expended, and which he thought should be less than the area of the entire province.

His Excellency the Viceroy said—As this is the first opportunity I have had of offering any opinion in public on the most important subject which is comprised in this bill, I wish first to express my great satisfaction that it has fallen to my lot to preside over a Government which has been able to carry into effect a principle that has for some years been adopted and recommended by many of the wisest and most experienced of Indian statesmen. I feel convinced that when the principle involved in this bill—which is identical with that laid down in the Financial Resolution of the 14th December last—becomes more fully understood, it will become more widely appreciated, and I firmly believe that of all the changes that have lately been made in the Financial or administrative branches of our Government, the change which is now proposed by these bills in regard to the provinces of Oudh and the North-West is perhaps the most important, and will have as many good and practical results as any measure that this Legislative Council has passed since it first came into existence.

If the Council will recollect the great principles which are involved in these bills,—namely, that we, the members of the Supreme Government, endeavour thereby to associate with ourselves the responsibility and assistance of the men who throughout India may be supposed to possess the best information and the greatest experience on the affairs with which they deal—if we also recollect that involved in the measure is an attempt further to develope gradually and more fully those numerous efforts that have been made to establish municipal institutions throughout the land—if we recollect that the fiscal objects of the measure is to import into our imperial finances a greater amount of certainty than has hitherto prevailed—if we recollect that if the scheme works as well as we believe it will work, that those future charges that must, at no very distant time, fall upon the country, will be borne and administered by those who are the best judges of their suitability, necessity, and propriety—when we recollect all these considerations, and when we find on further reflection that these principles are, to a great extent, new in Indian administration, then I think we may come to the conclusion that the object is good; that the change will be great, and that it will not be the fault of this Council and the Executive Government if complete success is not attained.

The evils with which we propose to deal were well described in the first paragraph of the resolution of December 14.

We said that so far as effective supervision and control over certain heads of our expenditure is concerned, the Supreme Government has, for some time, felt itself to be in an unsatisfactory position. Control, and severe control, was exercised, but it was exercised frequently in doubt and almost always in uncertainty.

Now it may be said that such a confession as this, coming from the head of a Government [illegible] weakness. It may be so to some extent, but the system was unavoidable in the earlier days of our rule, and though this control has been exercised under the disadvantages to which I have referred, on the whole, I am not prepared to say that any very great evil or public scandal has often occurred.

But still it was a blot in our system, and the time is come to remedy it. Every change and every proposed change is to a certain extent a confession of former weakness—because if a system is perfect and strong, it would be folly to change it. These taunts, therefore, which have been thrown out as to this confession of administrative weakness on the part of the Government of India, would apply to any change that has ever been made, or attempted by any administration as much as it does to the present.

I do not propose now to discuss the various modes in which it has been proposed to carry out these principles. They are many and various. If our plan does not go to the full extent that some may have desired it to go, it is because we have been obliged not only to consider what it was right to do, but also what it was possible to do; and if perhaps our measure does not attain the larger dimensions of many of those that have been suggested, at all events it has this recommendation, that it is practicable and safe, and that it has been accepted, if not with enthusiasm, at all events with general approval by the Governments which it most concerns. However, I think I ought to state my opinion that I am not favourable to some of the very large proposals, the adoption of which would lead to the entire disarrangement of that system of administration which has long been pursued by the Government of India with signal success, and that I am not in favour of admitting other authorities than that of the Supreme Government to share in the administration of imperial revenue and expenditure.

I think it safer to affirm that, as hitherto, imperial revenue must be managed by the Supreme authority. At some future time it may be thought desirable to apportion certain heads of revenue to local authority, reducing proportionately their grants; but I do firmly believe that if on the present occasion we had suggested anything of the kind, the result would have been failure, and it is certain that Her Majesty's Government would very properly have required a much longer time than they have taken to consider a change of so extensive and fundamental a nature.

It would be wasting the time of the Council were I to discuss the various objections that exist to the longer measures to which I have referred; suffice it to say that it can be shown that for the present all the main objects that have been generally desired will be attained, and that without any dangerous interference with our general financial system, without weakening or straining our national credit, without imperilling a single important branch of imperial revenue, or rendering it less difficult than it was before to fulfill all our national engagements of finance, defence and administration that we shall be able to attain to almost all the desired ends and achieve everything that is really beneficial. We selected then at once for our operations those heads of expenditure, the local characterof which cannot be doubted—those heads concerning which so much has been said, namely, civil buildings, roads, education, jails, police, registration, medical services, and printing. I am not prepared to say that there may not be other branches of administration which it might be judicious hereafter to deal with in the same way. I give no opinion on the subject. There are considerable and weighty objections with regard to some, but for all practical purposes, that is to say, if our intention and desire is to give to the local Governments substantial power over the administration of the matters which in the highest degree affect the particular interests of their Government and of their people, we have done all that for the present is necessary.

Our expenditure may be divided practically into three great heads. There is the expenditure which may be taken in the way of fixed charges over the amount, of which neither the Governor-General in Council nor the Secretary of State have any control, those permanent charges in the payment of which the faith, honour, and credit of the country are involved, such as the discharge of interest—guaranteed or otherwise—the payments of allowances under treaties and obligations—the greater portion of our superannuation charges—a considerable portion of the charges which are paid in England, over which the Secretary of State has really no control, and other imperative payments. I will not trouble the Council with figures; this may be considered as one head and a very large head. Then there are other heads with which the imperial authority—that is, the authority of the Supreme Government and of the Governor-General in Council—can only satisfactorily deal. These charges may be put down as the army—the vast expenditure which is going on on railways—irrigation, military works—the administration of the post-office, telegraphs—a portion of the cost of law and justice—and probably the expenditure connected with the collection of revenue under its various heads.

These are the principal branches of expenditure that the Supreme Government will always find it most to the advantage of the Empire to keep almost entirely in its own hands.

There may be some other heads of expenditure, such as a portion of "Law and Justice," concerning which there may be some doubt as to whether they may properly be localized.

It may then be always borne in mind that there are three great heads of expenditure, viz., Fixed, Imperial, and Local. In the future consideration of this question it will much tend to a right conclusion if these three great distinctions are kept constantly in view.

Then, under the eight heads it is proposed to entrust administration under a few general conditions to provincial Governments, and that a fixed contribution will be made from imperial revenue every year. I shall have something to say hereafter as to the amount of that contribution. It is intended by the Supreme Government (and I think that there should be no doubt on this point) that that sum should for some time at all events be a fixed sum. It is impossible to prophesy or say at present what can be done in the far future, but I should be misleading the local Government if I were not to say that it is our opinion that these sums are now fixed at an amount which cannot be exceeded for at least a number of years. I think it desirable that this should be perfectly understood, because one of our objects is the attainment of as great an amount of financial certainty as is possible. We believe that in justice to other public claims which are certain here after to be made on imperial revenue, in view of increased charges from the payment of interest and other objects, that we cannot without recourse to large additional imperial taxation increase this sum as now fixed to any very considerable amount. We know that if it is necessary that these sums which have been hitherto allotted for this purpose can be increased by local taxation, in a manner much less burdensome and much less offensive to the people than they could be by imperial taxation, it is necessary or desirable to spend money, that money must come from some source. It is possible that the wants of the local Governments may increase, and I dare say they will; but if they do, we believe, after the most mature consideration, that these wants can better be supplied within the limits of the provinces themselves than they can be by adding to the imperial taxation of the Empire and the general burdens of the people.

But in addition to the increased power of administration, which it is proposed to give to the local Governments, an administrative change will take place, which I think they will be able to exercise with advantage. They will have a large sum to devote to local objects—the power of allotment will be left absolutely to them—and they will be able to vary their grants for roads, civil buildings, education, and other heads from year to year, as they may think most desirable. In some provinces it may be desirable in one year to spend a larger sum on roads; in others it may be desirable to fill up some shortcomings with regard to education or other objects: the local Governments will thus be able to exercise that power of allotment with much greater satisfaction to themselves and the public than they did under the old system when they were obliged to consult the Supreme Government, not only as to the allotments that were made in the beginning of the year, but also with regard to any appropriations that were thought desirable within the year, provided those appropriations exceeded a certain amount.

But there is also another considerable advantage that this will bring, and that is with regard to the savings from one year to another.

It has always seemed to me rather hard—and particularly in the case of public works—that because either from accidents, the weather, or from any other cause, that if a local Government did not spend the whole of its allotment during the year, this sum was returned into the Imperial Treasury, and it then became a matter of further consideration how far this sum ought to form a portion of the allotment for the ensuing year.

It is not surprising, therefore, that this system led to extravagance.

I have observed, notably in the Department of Public Works, that there has been a marked tendency to rapid expenditure towards the end of the financial year, and I greatly suspect that it was frequently occasioned from a desire to expend in a hurried manner rather than not spend at all.

This was an evil, and has led to waste of money. I believe that the local Governments will find that in this matter of their savings they will be glad to have it in their power leisurely and properly to consider the precise time in which the money can best be expended, and by this means to exercise considerable economy in almost all branches of their expenditure.

I have heard it stated, that by the proposals which we make, there may arise a separation of interests, as between the local and Supreme Governments. I fail to perceive any strength whatever in this assertion. I believe that, so far from there being a separation of interests, that the increased feeling of responsibility and the feeling of confidence which is reposed in them will unite and bind together the Supreme and local Governments to a greater extent than before.

His Excellency went on to say that the proposal had no other object than to effect a proper division of responsibility. The fundamental principles with regard to administration—that is to say, economy, care, expedition in work, energy, and uncorruptibility—all these principles would be exercised by those men on whom this additional responsibility would be laid; and in addition to that there would be a greater check against extravagance by the economy which must guide their expenditure. Some people had expressed a want of confidence in the local Governments as to the exercise of this care. He knew that it had been thought that provincial administration would become more uncertain, and that expenditure would be made more with regard to personal feeling than with regard to public interest. He had no such fears. On the contrary, he thought they would see in the place of great uncertainty, positive certainty, and they would see works carried out with more vigour and less hesitation when they were carried out on the individual responsibility of those who ruled the province. It had also been said that by this proposal the Supreme Government sacrificed a good deal of useful control. He would say, however, that if at any future time any great public evil existed, such as waste of public money, extravagance, or misappropriation, the power of the Supreme Government to check and remove these evils would be as powerful as it had hitherto been. So much then for the general features of this measure, which he hoped would commend themselves to the approval of all. But he wished to say a few words in connection with a very important point which had been fully discussed. It had been broadly asserted, and he thought with a great deal of audacity, that the whole object of the Supreme Government was the increase of taxation. Now, he thought, that the figures and statements that had been made yesterday (Friday) would go far to negative those assertions. The truth was that the whole policy of the Supreme Government had been the decrease and not the increase of taxation. He had no hesitation in saying that he would view with the greatest apprehension any proposals intended to increase the burdens of the people.

His Excellency then compared the amounts of income tax levied in previous years, with that proposed to be levied for 1871-72, and said that the latter, which would be £600,000, was considerably less than the amounts of former years, with the exception of one particular year, 1868-69, when it was £500,000. This bug-bear then that had been raised of increased taxation had no existence; and he begged the Council's attention to a few facts which would show how much taxation had been reduced. In Oudh the income-tax that had been remitted amounted to £42,000, and the sum to be made up in the ensuing year was £6,000 in Bengal the income-tax remitted was £480,800, and the sum required to be made up was £34,000; in the N. W. Provinces the income-tax remitted was £235,000, and the sum that would have to be made up was £18,000, in Madras the amount of income-tax remitted would be £176,000 and the sum required to be made up would be £20,900; in Bombay the tax remitted would be £298,000, and the sum required to be made up would be £60,000. The people of India would be thus relieved of income-tax to the amount of one million two-hundred thousand pounds. This refuted the extraordinary allegation that had been made against this Government that the scheme had for its object increased taxation. His Excellency, after making a few remarks with regard to the bill in question, brought his speech to a close by saying that he commended the scheme with the greatest possible confidence to the consideration not only of those who governed, but to the natives of India, and he believed firmly that if the plan were successfully carried out, and he had no doubt that it would be, it would not only contribute to the welfare of the country; but would redound to the credit of those who had strongly advocated its adoption.

The Hon'ble Mr. Strachey's motion was here put and carried.

The Hon'ble Mr Inglis introduced the bill for imposing a duty on certain trades and dealings in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and moved

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT MADRAS.

THE sons of St. Patrick dined on Saturday night at the Strangers' Room of the Club, Mr. Justice Kernan in the chair. The dinner might almost have been called a Bar-mess dinner, so many present were members of the legal profession. The other professions were very scantily represented, the Church not at all, and the Army almost conspicuous by its absence. Surely Madras must have in its army some sons of Erin? The evening was, we are informed, a very pleasant one and passed off with great joviality and pleasure, some admirable speeches from Mr. Justice Kernan and Mr. Mayne being the distinguishing features of the meeting. The dinner should have been held on Friday the 17th, that being St. Patrick's day, but the Irishmen postponed their meeting so as not to interfere with the concert of the Philharmonic Society.—*Madras Times*, March 21.

THE D. P. W. PROSECUTIONS IN TINNEVELLY.

TINNEVELLY, 6th March.

OUR Sessions opened at Palamcottah on Monday last, and, as it was well known, that Sub-Engineer Colquhoun and Ragavacharry were to be placed at the bar on a charge of criminal breach of trust, the Court and precincts were crowded with natives. Mr. Miller, of Madras, appeared for the prisoners, and Mr. Handley prosecuted on the part of Government. The charge having been read over the prisoners were allowed to leave the dock and to occupy seats next to their counsel. Three natives connected with the P. W. D. turned approvers, and during the past three days two of them have been under examination. One stuck consistently throughout to the statements he made before the committing magistrate; the other flatly contradicted his statements, but he will not himself profit much by this course of conduct. On a cross-examination, some questions were asked by counsel, which ultimately led to the unwilling production of letters, which must have a damaging effect as regards the accused. The trial is likely to last some two or three weeks at the very least. Some letters have recently appeared in a contemporary of yours, with reference to this trial, and amongst other statements is one to the effect that Mr. Colquhoun is incarcerated in a cell that is injurious to health, &c. These statements are very discreditable. Mr. Colquhoun is confined in a room—call it "cell," if you will—constructed by himself, or under his superintendence, for European prisoners. In fact the Zillah Surgeon wanted these very rooms for a residence for himself, and for which he was willing to pay rent! The fact is that Mr. Colquhoun is very comfortable, liberty excepted, and a great many honest upright men, not in jail, are not half so comfortable as he is. Notwithstanding all that has been written in other journals, there is no wish on the part of any one to persecute the accused; justice, inexorable justice, is all that is required, and people down here have a right to expect this. There is the greatest excitement amongst the natives respecting this trial; every group you meet in the streets discusses it, and opinions are freely exchanged respecting the issue.

The Harbour Engineer and Colonel Farewell have been to Cape Comorin, and it has been decided that a first class light-house shall be erected at the Cape; and a second class light on a point 15 miles the other side. These two lights will enable seamen to navigate that part of the ocean without the smallest fear of danger. Tuticorin has been pronounced an "excellent harbour," but nothing is to be done to improve it. The Tuticorin light-house is still a ruin, so complete as not able to afford shelter to a boat, and there does not appear to be any prospect of any speedy restoration. The Harbour Engineer and Colonel Farewell have proceeded to Paumben. There is considerable alarm amongst the ryots, in consequence of the steady but continued fall in the price of cotton. Many held back at a time when they could have obtained a remunerative price for their cotton; now they perceive their mistake, but still hold back hoping that the price may go up. The new crop looks flourishing and abundant. The Trichendoor festival terminated without cholera, owing very much to the precautionary measures of the authorities.—*Madras Mail.*

FRENCH AND GERMAN ARTILLERY

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